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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE

REFERENCE: STATE 99892; B. SINGAPORE 1844

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1. DUE TO SHIFTING ESTIMATES OF MANHOURS OF THE SEVERAL DIFFERENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE EXACT LASS WORKLOAD FIGURES FOR FY-73 AND FY-74. REFTEL (A) CITES 663,000 MANHOURS AND 593,000 MANHOURS, RESPECTIVELY. OUR LATEST FIGURES FOR SAME PERIODS ARE 616,000 AND 693,000 MANHOURS. LATTER FIGURE IS SOME 100,000 HOURS LESS THAN ESTIMATED AT TIME REFTEL (B) PREPARED DUE TO CEILING PLACED ON FY-74 ARMY PROGRAM OF 171,000 HOURS AND ON NAVY WORK OF 80,000.

2. IN ADDITION TO EXPECTED WORKLOAD INCREASE IN NEIGHBORHOOD 80,000 HOURS, FOLLOWING FACTORS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DECIDING WHETHER DOD PERSONNEL RESOURCES SHOULD BE INCREASED:

A. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES
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IN LASS QUALITY CONTROL OVER PAST YEAR OR SO
REFLECTING LASS MANAGEMENT WEAKNESSES AND COMPETENCE
OF LARGELY YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED WORK FORCE.
FOR EXAMPLE, RECENT INSPECTION OF 4 U-21'S ON WHICH
WORK SUPPOSEDLY COMPLETED SHOWED TOTAL OF MORE
THAN 1000 DEFICIENCIES WHICH NECESSITATED REWORK
ALL AIRCRAFT AND INTENSIFIED INSPECTION PROCEDURES.
WHILE LASS IS MAKING SOME MANAGEMENT CHANGES WHICH
SHOULD HELP, IT IS CLEAR THAT QUALITY INSPECTION
CAPABILITY ON PART AFLC DET-11 MUST ALSO BE
STRENGTHENED. PRESENT STAFF IS SIMPLY SWAMPED
AND IF MORE QUALITY SURVEILLANCE IS TO BE DONE,
MORE PEOPLE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO IT.

B. DET-11 ESTIMATES AVERAGE NUMBER AIRCRAFT BEING
WORKED AT ONE TIME IN FY-74 WILL BE 21 COMPARED TO
13 FOR FY-73. THIS DUE PRINCIPALLY TO SLIPPAGE AND
DEFICIENCIES U-21 PROGRAM AS WELL AS INCREASED
INPUT VNAF C-130 PROGRAM. THIS TO PLACES ADDED
BURDEN ON QUALITY INSPECTION STAFF.

C. DET-11 QUALITY CONTROL PERSONNEL HAVE
NORMALLY BEEN WORKING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND
HOLIDAYS, AT LEAST HALF- DAY, FOR SIX MONTHS. IN
ADDITION, THERE IS NO SLACK FOR SICK OR LOCAL
LEAVE.

3. AFTER REVIEWING THIS SITUATION AT LENGTH WITH
COMMANDER DET-11 AND AIR ATTACHES, I AM CONVINCED
NEED EXISTS FOR THREE ADDITIONAL PERSONS REQUESTED.
IT IS APPARENT THAT THIS NEED HAS EXISTED FOR
SOME MONTHS AND THAT DECISION SHOULD NOT REST
SOLELY ON CURRENT AND EXPECTED MANHOURS OF WORK.

4. DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THIS REQUEST IS
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
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